

* He hath a humour doth determine so '
Why in that stop-throat fashion doth he go
 With scarf about his neck ? Hat without band

* It is his humour, sweet sir, understand '
What cause his purse is so extreme distressed
That often times 'tis scarcely penny blest ?

⁶ Only a humour ³ If you question why,
His tongue is ne'er unfurmsh'd with a he,

e It is his humour too ³, he doth protest
 Or why with sergeants he is so oppressed
 That like to ghosts they haunt him every
 day !

A rascal humour doth not love to pay
Object, why boots and spurs are still in
season f
His humour answers , * humour is his reason
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If you perceive his wits in wetting shrunk,
It cometh of a humour to be drunk
When you behold his looks pale, thm and
poor,
Th'occasion is his humour, and a whore
And everything that he doth undertake,
It is a vein, for senseless humour's sake

2Q**tb** October A PETITION FOR LICENCE TO TRADE
IN THE EAST
INDIES

Seeing that the Dutch have made several very profitable voyages to the East Indies, which is denied to our merchants for want of free liberty of transportation, divers merchants of the City have petitioned the Queen for certain privileges and tolerations whereby they doubt not to furnish this realm and make a staple in London of all those spices and foreign commodities of the East Indies, which heretofore have been supplied at the hands of Portugals, Spaniards and other strangers. They petition that her Majesty would incorporate the first adventurers with a privilege in succession, for that a trade so far remote cannot be managed but by a joint or united stock, that the shipping and preparation for the East Indies, being not above six ships and six pinnaces yearly, be not stayed by pretence or occasion of service, for that the season of the

preparation of
the voyage being stayed or interrupted but one
month the
opportunity of the whole year's voyage is lost,
that it may be